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SUBJECT: PRC AID TO NIGER DROUGHT VICTIMS

- 1. GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER, LE TEMPS DU NIGER, ANNOUNCED IN AUGUST 7 ISSUE RED CROSS SOCIETY OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAD DONATED 2,000 TONS OF RICE AND 3,000 TONS OF CORN TO NIGER'S DROUGHT VICTIMS. ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS AT MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION, GON RECEIVED COMMUNICATION IN FIRST WEEK AUGUST STATING COMMODITIES WERE DUE PORTS OF COTONOU AND LAGOS AROUND MID AUGUST. MIN DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED BON HAD NOT ASKED PRC FOR ASSISTANCE AND WERE SURPRISED WHEN WORD RECEIVED ABOUT IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF RELATIVELY LARGE AMOUNT MUCH NEEDED GRAIN.
- 2. PERHAPS NOT ENTIRELY COINCIDENTAL TO GON ACCEPTANCE OF GRAIN WAS APPEARANCE IN GOVERNMENT DAILY AUGUST 10 OF INTERVIEW WITH AFP OF CONGO'S PRESIDENT MARIEN N'GOUABI WITH FOLLOWING QUOTE USED AS HEADLINE: "PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS THE ONLY COUNTRY TO AID THE CONGO WITHOUT INTERFERENCE." THE N'GOUABI INTERVIEW IS THE SECOND INVOLVING AFRICAN HEAD OF STATE RETURNING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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